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FROM: AL/Chief Counsel

SUBJECT: Widely Attended Gathering Determination Regarding the Johnson Space Center (JSC) Space Flight Awareness (SFA) Program and Co-sponsors Hosting a Space Flight Awareness Recognition Event

On August 24 - 29, 2006, the JSC SFA Program and co-sponsors are hosting an SFA Recognition Event at the Hyatt Grand Cypress Resort in Orlando, Florida, and at the Kennedy Space Center (KSC).

The event is to begin in the evening on August 24, 2006, with an honoree dinner/reception for the participants. On August 25, the participants will participate in an honoree awards ceremony followed by a tour of KSC. On the evening of August 26, the participants will participate in a social event. Launch day activities will take place August 27, at KSC. Participants will view the launch of STS-115, return to the Grand Hyatt Hotel, and return home on August 29, 2006. The co-sponsors of this event, who are providing the alcohol, entertainment support, table decorations, and the cost of their employees to attend include: Boeing, Lockheed Martin, Pratt & Whitney, United Space Alliance, and ATK Thiokol.

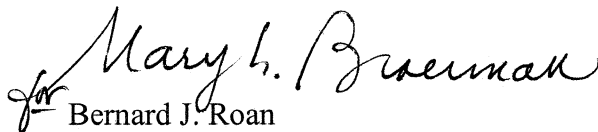
The SFA Program is a NASA-managed motivational program with invited representation from the Office of Space Flight Field Centers, international partner representatives, other NASA Field Centers, and contractors having major responsibilities for human space flight mission success. This program meets the NASA requirement for contractors to participate in a NASA motivational program.

The purpose of the SFA is to establish annual SFA Program goals and objectives to ensure every employee involved in human space flight is aware of the importance of their role in promoting safety, quality, and mission success. It is also meant to increase awareness of the Human Space Flight Program accomplishments, milestones, and objectives with a focus on safety and mission success and conduct events and products that motivate and recognize the workforce, and enhance employee morale.

The awardees that will be attending the event are both NASA civil servant awardees and managers, employees and managers from the contractor community, as well as international partner representatives. The event is of direct interest to NASA and serves as a forum for facilitating the widest practicable dissemination of information concerning the Agency and the importance of safety in the Human Space Flight Program and motivates employees to continue to promote such safety programs within their workplace.

It is my determination that it is in the Agency's interest for NASA invitees to attend. Their attendance outweighs any concern that the acceptance of any benefits may, or may appear to improperly influence any NASA employee in the performance of official duties.

Accordingly, JSC invitees are authorized to attend and to accept the services and items that are being provided for by the contractor co-sponsors in conjunction with this event, at no cost.


for Bernard J. Roan

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